# InfoReady: A new system for UGA limited submissions

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#### Some Background

#### What are Limited Submissions?

For certain grant and award opportunities, funding agencies place limits on the number of proposals, applications or letters of intent that any one university may submit. This requires internal selection of applications to advance to the external agency.

#### **Limited Submission opportunities are often:**

- High profile, prestigious programs
- Large team efforts spanning disciplines, universities
- High impact / high complexity (i.e. integrated inter/transdisciplinary research, education/workforce, translation, DEI)
- Large Funding Levels
- Significant Cost Share
- Highly Prescriptive Solicitations

## **Limited Submission Processing**

Limited Submission are important to UGA, but the process has been done using a time/labor intensive process

- Limited Submission Calls ID'd, composed, and posted manually
- Faculty submit applications via email
- Application review process conducted via mail correspondence
- Applicants are notified via individual emails

#### **Recent Improvements to our Process:**

- Doubled the lead time to 6 months for center/institute, training and equipment grants with "predictable" dates.
  - Enhanced support for development, including external review
- Streamlined application management system: <u>InfoReady</u>

## What is InfoReady?

## InfoReady is a web-based management system for internal competitions

- Used by many of our peer and aspirational institutions\*
- Streamlines limited submission application, review, and approval with a fully web-based process
- Also used to host other internal proposal processes
- Integrates easily with our existing processes

\*160 internationally including Arizona State, Stanford, UCLA, MIT, GIT, Florida, Auburn, Michigan, UVa, UT-K, Yale, Vanderbilt, LSU, JHU, Emory, Clemson

## What is NOT Changing?

- New limited submission opportunities will still be announced via the Weekly Large Grants & Limited Submissions Announcements.
- Typical internal application requirements will remain the same.
- Internal competition selection criteria will remain the same.
  - UGA reviewers judge proposals as they would in any peer review process, so PIs are urged to put their best foot forward.
  - Along with typical criteria, reviewers will evaluate internal proposals based on their fit with the sponsor's articulated goals and criteria.
- SPA and OPE will continue to be available for selected applicants.

## What is Changing?

- Limited Submissions competitions will no longer be posted on the Research Matters website or the existing Limited Submissions Calendar.
   New internal competitions will be posted in one place, the new InfoReady calendar.
- Faculty will be required to apply to internal competitions through InfoReady, instead of sending applications as a PDF via email.
- Faculty will be able to save applications as drafts to come back to in InfoReady.
- Faculty will be able to view previous applications.
- Faculty will be provided reviewer feedback.
- Data will be collected from selected applicants through reports.

InfoReady Demonstration: <a href="https://uga.infoready4.com/">https://uga.infoready4.com/</a>

#### **More Information**

#### Resources:

- InfoReady Applicant FAQs
- Step-by-Step Applicant Guide
- Applications
- Proxy: Setting Up, Removing, and Access
- Reviewer Guide
- Video: Applicant Experience
- Video: Reviewer Experience

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## Questions?

Thank you for Attending!